

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

display to a respective user of a plurality of users, upon the respective user's request, as to a respective particular parcel to be shipped by the respective user, a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed adjacent a display indicating a respective time and date before which a particular respective carrier would deliver the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination via a particular respective delivery service, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system using a respective user client computer device, and wherein the respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the respective user.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison as an array comprising a plurality of cells.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective cell of said plurality of cells for a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison at an intersection of indications that corresponds to a respective particular parcel delivery date of a plurality of delivery dates and a respective particular parcel delivery time of a plurality of delivery times, wherein a respective cell corresponds to the respective particular parcel delivery date and the respective particular parcel delivery time.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

display each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate in a respective cell that corresponds to a respective time and date before which a particular respective carrier would deliver the respective particular parcel to the respective particular delivery destination via a particular respective delivery service.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed to:

subdivide each respective cell for which more than one service or more than one carrier would support delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date corresponding to said respective cell, into a plurality of sub-cell divisions, wherein each sub-cell division of said plurality of sub-cell divisions correspond to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier that would support delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date that corresponds to the respective cell.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 5, said computer system further programmed to:

colorize the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel, each sub-cell division having a color that corresponds to the respective carrier, each respective carrier having a different corresponding color.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 6, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective sub-cell division as further containing a respective onscreen interactive selection button.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over a particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division;
and

respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective sub-cell division, said onscreen window containing a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division;
and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label

for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division;
and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping document for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular respective cell; and

respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective cell, said window containing a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular respective cell; and

respond to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

simultaneously display to a first particular user of a plurality of users a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a delivery of the first particular parcel by a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by a respective service of a plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network, and wherein the first cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the first particular user.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a calculation according to a respective set of service-specific rules for shipping said first particular parcel, wherein said respective set of service-specific rules corresponds to a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support delivery of said first particular parcel according to a first set of user input parcel specifications and a first set of user input parcel shipping specifications.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 14, said computer system further programmed to:

display said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates as a first online interactive graphic array, said first interactive graphic array having a first axis and a second axis.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed to:

display along the first axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery dates that follow a current date.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed to:

graphically dedicate to each displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates, a delivery date-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each delivery date-related portion is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each delivery date-related portion is aligned with one respective displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed to:

display along the second axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery times; and

graphically dedicate to each displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery time-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each delivery time-related portion is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each delivery time-related portion is aligned with one respective displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 18, said computer system further programmed to:

display each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate at a respective intersection of a respective delivery date-related portion and a respective delivery time-related portion, wherein the respective delivery time-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel at the respective particular delivery time by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated, and wherein the respective delivery date-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel on the respective particular delivery date by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed to:

colorize each of said respective intersections containing a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate with a respective color corresponding to the respective carrier that offers the respective service.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 13, said computer system further programmed to:

simultaneously display to a second particular user of the plurality of users a second cross-comparison of a second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a second particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a delivery of the second particular parcel by a second respective particular delivery time on a second respective particular delivery date by a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each

respective service of the plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the second particular parcel, and wherein the second cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the second particular user.

22. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 21, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

respond to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

23. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 22, said computer system further programmed to:

display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

24. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 23, said computer system further programmed to:

detect a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and

respond to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and by expanding the display of the portion of the online

interactive graphic array corresponding to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second particular carrier.

25. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 24, said computer system further programmed to:

display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

26. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

prompt a user, in response to a request by the user for a shipping rate and delivery time comparison for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds to a particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at or before the corresponding delivery time on the corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

27. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

prompt a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to

be shipped by the first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at or before a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

28. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

collect user input, from one particular user of a plurality of users, of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular

respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination by a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

detect a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

detect a placement of a cursor, by one particular user of a plurality of users, over a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user

of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

31. (Previously Presented) A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said computer system is programmed to:

respond to a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display, by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to a rate for the particular service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

32. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

displaying to a respective user of a plurality of users, upon the respective user's request, as to a respective particular parcel to be shipped by the respective user, a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed adjacent a display indicating a respective time and

date before which a particular respective carrier would deliver the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination via a particular respective delivery service, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system using a respective user client computer device, and [[and]] wherein the respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the respective user.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison as an array comprising a plurality of cells.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective cell of said plurality of cells for a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison at an intersection of indications that corresponds to a respective particular parcel delivery date of a plurality of delivery dates and a respective particular parcel delivery time of a plurality of delivery times, wherein a respective cell corresponds to the respective particular parcel delivery date and the respective particular parcel delivery time.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, said method further comprising:

displaying each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate in a respective cell that corresponds to a respective time and date before which a particular respective carrier would deliver the respective particular parcel to the respective particular delivery destination via a particular respective delivery service.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 35, said method further comprising:

subdividing each respective cell for which more than one service or more than one carrier would support delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date corresponding to said respective cell, into a plurality of sub-cell divisions, wherein each sub-cell division of said plurality of sub-cell divisions correspond to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier that would support delivery of the respective particular parcel at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date that corresponds to the respective cell.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, said method further comprising:

colorizing the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel, each sub-cell division having a color that corresponds to the respective carrier, each respective carrier having a different corresponding color.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 37, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective sub-cell division as further containing a respective onscreen interactive selection button.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over a particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division;
and

responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective sub-cell division,

said onscreen window containing a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button of a particular respective sub-cell division; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the particular respective onscreen interactive selection button by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping document for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective sub-cell division.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising to:

detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular respective cell; and

responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an area in close proximity to the particular respective cell, said window containing a name of the respective carrier and a description of the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular respective cell; and

responding to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the respective particular parcel with the respective carrier and the respective service corresponding to the particular respective cell.

44. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

simultaneously displaying to a first particular user of a plurality of users, a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates is displayed in correspondence with a display of a proposed delivery of the first particular parcel by a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by a respective service of a plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is

adapted for communication with the global communications network, and wherein the first cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the first particular user.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 44, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates corresponds to a calculation according to a respective set of service-specific rules for shipping said first particular parcel, wherein said respective set of service-specific rules corresponds to a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support delivery of said first particular parcel according to a first set of user input parcel specifications and a first set of user input parcel shipping specifications.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 45, said method further comprising:
displaying said first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates as a first online interactive graphic array, said first interactive graphic array having a first axis and a second axis.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 46, said method further comprising:
displaying along the first axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery dates that follow a current date.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, said method further comprising:
graphically dedicating to each displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates, a delivery date-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each delivery date-related portion is

perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each delivery date-related portion is aligned with one respective displayed delivery date of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, said method further comprising:

displaying along the second axis of the first online interactive graphic array a plurality of displayed delivery times; and

graphically dedicating to each displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery time-related portion of the first online interactive graphic array, wherein each delivery time-related portion is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each delivery time-related portion is aligned with one respective displayed delivery time of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 49, said method further comprising:

displaying each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate at a respective intersection of a respective delivery date-related portion and a respective delivery time-related portion, wherein the respective delivery time-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel at the respective particular delivery time by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated, and wherein the respective delivery date-related portion corresponds to the delivery of the first particular parcel on the respective particular delivery date by the respective service offered by the respective carrier for which the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate was calculated.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 50, said method further comprising:

colorizing each of said respective intersections containing a service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate with a respective color corresponding to the respective carrier that offers the respective service.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 44, said method further comprising:

simultaneously displaying to a second particular user of the plurality of users a second cross-comparison of a second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a second particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the second plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates is displayed in correspondence with a display of a proposed delivery of the second particular parcel by a second respective particular delivery time on a second respective particular delivery date by a respective service of the plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated for each respective service of the plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the second particular parcel, and wherein the second cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the second particular user.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 52, said method further comprising:

detecting a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

responding to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 53, said method further comprising:

displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 54, said method further comprising:
detecting a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and
responding to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second particular carrier.

56. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 55, said method further comprising:
displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

57. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:
prompting a user, in response to a request by the user for a shipping rate and delivery time comparison for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds to a

particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at or before the corresponding delivery time on the corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

58. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

prompting a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at or before a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

59. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

collecting user input, from one particular user of a plurality of users, of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a

plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination by a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

60. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

detecting a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

61. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

detecting a placement of a cursor, by one particular user of a plurality of users, over a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

62. (Previously Presented) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

responding to a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display, by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to a rate for the particular service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

63. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping

of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for displaying to a respective user of a plurality of users, upon the respective user's request, as to a respective particular parcel to be shipped by the respective user, a respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein the respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates are calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in correspondence with a display of a respective particular parcel delivery time on a respective particular parcel delivery date by which a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier would deliver the respective particular parcel to a respective particular delivery destination at the respective particular parcel delivery time on the respective particular parcel delivery date, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system using a respective user client computer device, and wherein the respective simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the respective user.

64. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for simultaneously displaying to a first particular user of a plurality of users a first cross-comparison of a first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates for shipping a first particular parcel, wherein each service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate of the first plurality of service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates is displayed in

correspondence with a display of a proposed delivery of the first particular parcel by a first respective particular delivery time on a first respective particular delivery date by a respective service of a plurality of services offered by a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is calculated and displayed for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the first particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network, and wherein the first cross-comparison is displayed to a respective display device that communicates with the respective user client computer device used by the first particular user.

65. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for prompting a user, in response to a request by the user for a shipping rate and delivery time comparison for shipping a particular parcel, with an interactive prompt, said interactive prompt comprising a display of a plurality of cells, wherein each cell of said plurality of cells comprises an intersection of indications of a corresponding parcel delivery date and a corresponding parcel delivery time, and wherein at least one cell of said plurality of cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate, wherein said calculated shipping rate corresponds to a particular carrier delivering said particular parcel at or before the corresponding delivery time on the corresponding delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

66. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer

program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for prompting a first particular user of a plurality of users with a first service and carrier selection user prompt to select one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the first user, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said first service and carrier selection prompt comprises a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at or before a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

67. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for collecting user input, from one particular user of a plurality of users, of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein each user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device,

wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network, wherein said user input comprises an indication of a particular service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate selected from a display of a simultaneous online interactive graphic cross-comparison of a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rates, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination by a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, and wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate is displayed in association with a display of a corresponding delivery date and a corresponding delivery time.

68. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for detecting a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

69. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping

of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for detecting a placement of a cursor, by one particular user of a plurality of users, over a cell of an online interactive display as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel, wherein said online interactive display comprises a plurality of cells, and wherein the cell selected displays a shipping rate, wherein said displayed shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

70. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels, the computer program product comprising instructions stored on a computer readable medium, said instructions comprising:

a set of program instructions for responding to a clicking, by one particular user of a plurality of users, of a cell of an online interactive display, by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a particular carrier and a particular service, wherein said cell contains a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to a rate for the particular service and the particular carrier to deliver the particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communications with the global communications network.

Claims 71 – 90 Cancelled.